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H.B. No. 3559

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3559:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reimbursement of foster parents and certain former foster children for expenses related to obtaining or renewing a driver's license and obtaining insurance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 264.1252 to read as follows:

Sec. 264.1252. REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES RELATING TO OBTAINING OR RENEWING A DRIVER'S LICENSE AND OBTAINING INSURANCE.

(a) The department shall reimburse a foster parent for any monetary expenses relating to obtaining:

(1) a driver's license for a foster child, including the cost for completing a driver education course required by Section 521.1601, Transportation Code, and the driver's license fee; and

(2) liability insurance for the foster child that meets the minimum requirements of Subchapter D, Chapter 601, Transportation Code.

(b) The department shall reimburse a former foster child younger than 21 years of age for any monetary expenses relating to:

(1) obtaining or renewing a driver's license, including the cost for completing a driver education course required by Section 521.1601, Transportation Code, and the driver's license fee; and

1           (2) obtaining liability insurance that meets the  
2 minimum requirements of Subchapter D, Chapter 601, Transportation  
3 Code.

4           (c) Subsection (b) applies only to a former foster child who  
5 was in the conservatorship of the department on the day preceding  
6 the former foster child's 18th birthday.

7           (d) A person entitled to reimbursement for expenses under  
8 this section must provide the department with receipts for the  
9 expenses to receive reimbursement.

10           SECTION 2. Section 264.1252, Family Code, as added by this  
11 Act, applies only to an expense relating to obtaining a driver's  
12 license or insurance for a foster child or obtaining or renewing a  
13 driver's license or obtaining insurance for a former foster child  
14 incurred on or after the effective date of this Act.

15           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.